IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows: A marked-up copy of the amended pages is attached for the Examiner's reference.

Please substitute the first full paragraph on page 6 with the following paragraph:

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An embodiment incorporating the basic features of a dispenser according to the present invention is indicated as a dispenser 10 in the figures. Dispenser 10 is configured to dispense a primary roll 12a of web material 12 that may comprise a standard eight-inch paper towel roll. Although not illustrated in the figures, the dispenser 10 may also carry and dispense a partially depleted or "stub" roll of material.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 6 and ending on page 7 with the following paragraph:

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The dispenser 10 includes a housing 16 of any general shape and configuration. Housing 16 further comprises a bottom portion 24, a front portion 18, and a back portion 20. The dispenser is mounted to a supporting wall structure by any conventional means. The back portion 20 may have a generally rectangular shape and be configured to fit into a recess or opening provided in the supporting wall structure. A dispensing slot is defined at an appropriate location in the housing 16. In the illustrated embodiment, a dispensing slot 26 is provided generally in the middle of the bottom portion 24. It should be understood that the slot 26 may be disposed at various locations depending on the conveying path of the web material 12 and configuration of the internal components of the dispenser. The slot 26 is disposed so that the user can see and has easy access to the web material tail 15 extending through the slot 26.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 7 and ending on page 8 with the following paragraph:

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The roll of material 12 is carried by a primary roll carrier 28. In the illustrated embodiment, the roll carrier 28 has opposite arms 30 and roll supports 31 extending inward from the arms 30. The arms 30 may be biased, for example by a spring 32 or spring 33, towards a rotatable feed drum 34. The leading or free end of the web material 14 passes around at least a portion of the outer circumferential surface 40 of the feed drum 34

and eventually out through the dispensing slot 26. The rotatable drum 34 has a "roughened" (frictionally enhanced) outer circumferential surface 40 and is rotatable so that upon a consumer grasping and pulling the tail end ~~68~~ of the web material extending out of the dispensing slot 26, the drum 34 is caused to rotate. In an alternate embodiment, the roll carrier need not be biased towards the feed drum 34 and an alternate arrangement of guides and/or tension rollers could be used to keep the web material under tension as it moves over at least a portion of the circumference of the drum 34.

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Please substitute the first full paragraph on page 8 with the following paragraph:

A tensioned eccentric device is configured with the drum 34. In the illustrated embodiment, the eccentric device includes the offset mounted spring 66 such that energy is developed and stored in the spring 66 (illustrated schematically) upon the initial rotation of the drum 34. It should be understood that the spring 66 would be mounted so as not to interfere with rotation of the drum 34. For example, the drum may include an axle 36 mounted within a first support and the spring 66 may be attached to another member that rotates with the drum 34 beyond the end of axle 36 so that the spring does not "wrap" around the axle. Various arrangements of an eccentric device utilizing a spring to drive the drum 34 are disclosed in the patents cited above and incorporated herein.

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Please substitute the second full paragraph on page 8 with the following paragraph:

As with the conventional dispensers, the drum 34 is relieved from the pulling tension after the web of material has been cut and continues to turn due to the action of the spring 66. The drum 34 will continue to rotate until it reaches a neutral or rest position. A "shock absorber" device may be provided to stop the return rotation of the feed drum 34 so that the drum is then in position for a subsequent pulling and cutting operation. A manual rotation knob (not illustrated) may be provided for manually advancing the drum 34 in the event of a jam or tear of the roll material within the housing 16.

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